

--This is a divisional of Patent Application Serial No. 09/939,198 filed August 24, 2001, now pending.--

Replace the paragraph starting at line 4 of page 1 with the following rewritten paragraph:

This invention relates to a polishing pad for polishing optical fiber connectors. More particularly, this invention relates to a polishing pad to be used in a method as a part of a production process for connectors each with a plurality of optical fibers protruding from a front surface of a main body such that the variations in the length of protrusion can be reduced and the protruding optical fibers will each have a flatter front surface.

Replace the paragraph starting at line 22 of page 1 with the following rewritten paragraph:

It is therefore an object of this invention to provide a polishing pad for polishing optical fiber connectors with a plurality of optical fibers therethrough such that the optical fibers protrude from the front surface of a main body by an improved length of 1-3 microns and preferably longer with reduced variations and have flatter, smoother and more even front surfaces than was possible by using a prior art polishing pad.

Cancel the paragraph starting at line 27 of page 1.

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

Cancel claims 1-15.

**REMARKS**

Claims 16 and 17 remain in this application. Claims 1-15 have been withdrawn.

This is a divisional application. In the parent hereof, a requirement for restriction was made telephonically on April 2, 2003 as between Group I consisting of claims 1-15 and